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1. WE AGREE (PARA. 2 OF REFTEL) THAT U.S. SHOULD RESIST WP DISCUSSION OF EXCHANGE LOSS GUARANTEE SCHEMES AND JAPANESE TAX FREE LOSS RESERVES SCHEME, PROVIDED JAPANESE JUSTIFY SCHEME AS NOT INTENDED TO ATTENUATE OR COMPENSATE THE EFFECTS OF COST INFLATION. U.S. MISSION REQUESTED TO

SO INFORM THE JAPANESE PERMDEL IN GENEVA.

- 2. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN COUNTERING EC DESIRE TO HAVE THE WP INVESTIGATE THE JAPANESE TAX LOSS RESERVE SCHEME TO DEVELOP FOLLOWING SCENARIO: THE JAPANESE WOULD RESPOND TO EC ALLEGATION BY DESCRIBING THEIR SCHEME AND STATING THE SCHEME IS NOT INTENDED TO ATTENUATE OR COMPENSATE THE EFFECTS OF COST INFLATION. THIS WOULD SET THE STAGE FOR THE U.S. DELEGATION TO SAY THAT THE SCHEME CLEARLY FALLS OUTSIDE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WP, ALTHOUGH IT MAY WELL BE AN EXPORT INCENTIVE. SINCE THERE MAY BE OTHER EXPORT INCENTIVES THAT FALL OUTSIDE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WORKING PARTY, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THESE TO BE DEALT WITH IN THE NTM SUBGROUP ON SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES.
- 3. MISSION SHOULD DISCUSS ABOVE SCENARIO WITH JAPANESE AND, IF ACCEPTABLE TO THEM, SHOULD SEEK SUPPORT OF OTHER MEMBERS OF WP FOR FINDING THAT DISCUSSION OF JAPANESE TAX FREE LOSS RESERVES SCHEME IS OUTSIDE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF WP. MISSION SHOULD ALSO SEEK SUPPORT OF OTHER DELEGATES IN GETTING WP AGREEMENT THAT EXCHANGE LOSS GUARANTEE SCHEMES ARE NOT COVERED BY WP TERMS OF REFERENCE. (HOWEVER, SUCH SCHEMES MIGHT ALSO BE CONSIDERED BY THE NTM SUBGROUP ON SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES.)
- 4. WE CONFIRM THAT POINTS A THROUGH C, PARA. 3 OF REFTEL, ARE AMONG OUR OBJECTIVES FOR MARCH 14 MEETING OF THE WP. WE DO NOT EXPECT WP AT COMING MEETING TO DECIDE THAT INFLATION INSURANCE SCHEMES SHOULD BE TERMINATED BUT U.S. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE SUCH A DECISION.

5. MORE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS AND QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON L/4467/ADD.1 WILL FOLLOW. VANCE

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